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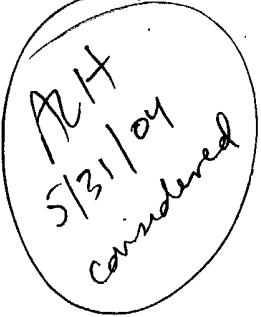
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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Professor Richard Ian Christopherson, hereby declare as follows:



1. I am currently Professor of Biochemistry in the School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences at the University of Sydney, Maze Crescent, Sydney, New South Wales, 2006, Australia.
2. I have pursued research in the area of biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology and have published extensively in these fields. A list of appointments I have held during my career together with my publications are included in my Curriculum Vitae which is attached hereto as Exhibit RIC-1.
3. I am an inventor of subject matter (hereinafter referred to as the "INVENTION") described and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/888,959 filed on 25 June, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as the "APPLICATION"). The APPLICATION contains claims directed *inter alia* to a method for determining a unique profile of molecules, wherein the profile is indicative of a particular type of leukemia.